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Decision

Lose this day loitering—twill be the same story
To-morrow, and the next *more* dilatory ;
The indecision brings its own delays.
And days are lost lamenting over days,
Are you in earnest ? *Seize this very minute.*
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it ;
Only engage, and the mind grows heated,
Begin, and then the work will be completed.

Selected

Silas Marcus Macvane, Ph. D.

Silas Marcus Macvane was born in Bothwell, P. E. I., in 1842. He attended the public schools of his native place until in 1860 he entered Horton Academy then under the principalship of Rev. T. A. Higgins. He did not at first intend to enter upon an academic career, but finding the work both agreeable and interesting he changed his plans, entered college and graduated with the class of '65. These were the years when Professor De Mille filled the chair of classics and to his method was due much of the success won by his pupil when later he studied at Berlin and Harvard. Under him was acquired a facility in reading Latin which became most useful in later historical work.

Shortly after graduating at Acadia, Professor Macvane entered the Education Office, Halifax, over which Dr. T. H. Rand had been lately called to preside. The free school law had only recently come into force and its successful operation was largely due to the Superintendent and his very efficient assistant. His position he resigned early in 1870 that he might study abroad. Arrangements had been made to sail for Europe on the "City of Boston," but fortunately these plans were changed. After sailing from Halifax this ill-fated steamer was never reported.